

# COVID-19

Monday, July 13, 2020

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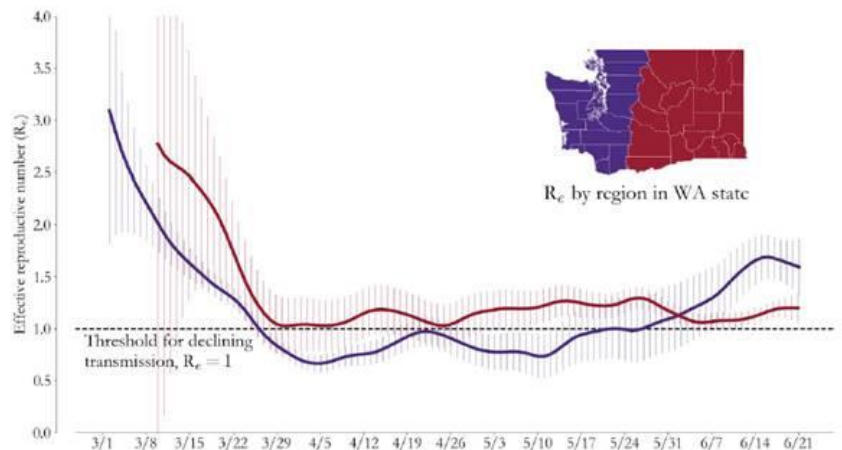
## SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

### COVID-19 Infection 'Still Accelerating' Across Washington

The Washington State Department of Health on Friday released the latest [statewide situation report](#), which shows COVID-19 transmission is still accelerating across most of the state as of the end of June.

The report highlights concerning COVID-19 trends in Snohomish County and elsewhere around Puget Sound, in Spokane County, north-central counties and southwest counties. The reproductive number—the estimated number of new people each COVID-19 patient will infect—is still above one in both eastern and western Washington, meaning the number of cases is still increasing.

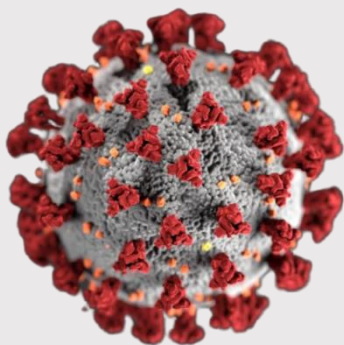
With recent effective reproductive numbers definitively above 1, we have complete confidence that the COVID-19 epidemic was growing in both Eastern and Western Washington from mid to late June. Burden on all our communities will likely continue to grow in the coming weeks.



Transmission is slowing in Yakima County, an encouraging sign that interventions like wearing face coverings can be effective. However, Yakima's progress is still at risk, with case counts only down about 30-40 percent from its peak number of cases. The county must continue to strictly follow the measures put in place to slow the spread of the disease to avoid another increase.

The report also estimates the percentage of the population actively infected with COVID-19 in Snohomish King and Pierce counties, Spokane County and Yakima County. In the Puget Sound area, the percentage of the population with COVID-19 has reached levels comparable to those seen in late March and is increasing. In Spokane County, estimates of this percentage are also rapidly increasing. The estimates for Yakima County are improving compared to previous calculations, but the situation remains concerning.

The report also summarizes hospitalization trends, which vary across the state. King County hospitalization numbers are stable despite increasing case counts, likely because the bulk of those increases are in people under 40. Hospitalizations continue to trend upwards in eastern Washington except for Yakima County. In particular, Spokane County is experiencing a notable uptick in hospitalizations.



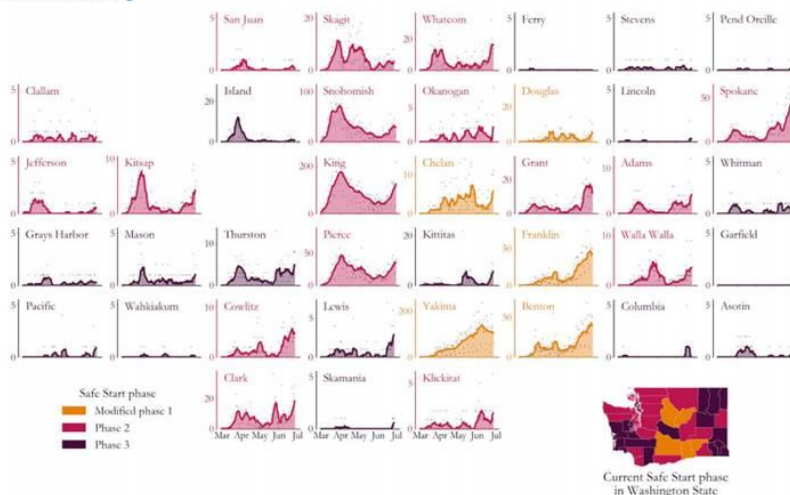
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## INSLEE REQUESTS EXTENSION OF NATIONAL GUARD MISSION FOR COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

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The report includes a comparison of new cases by age in six counties. Spokane County and Puget Sound are seeing a high frequency of infections in younger age groups. While younger people may be less likely to get seriously ill, they may still be spreading the virus to older and more vulnerable populations.

While the resurgence in cases was originally limited to a few hot spots, upwards trends are now prominent in most counties. One encouraging exception is Yakima County, where we have growing confidence that mitigation efforts are working.



DOH partners with Bellevue-based Institute for Disease Modeling, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and the Microsoft AI for Health program to develop this weekly report. More COVID-19 data can be found on the [DOH website](#) and in the state's [risk assessment dashboard](#).

## Inslee Requests Extension of National Guard Mission for COVID-19 Pandemic Response

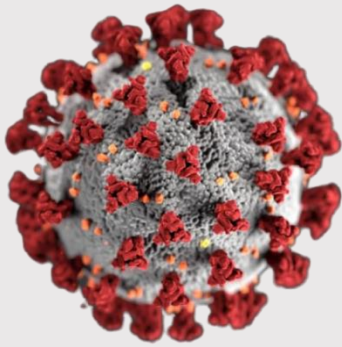
Gov. Jay Inslee sent a [letter](#) today to the Trump administration requesting an extension of federal authority and funding for Washington National Guard employment in support of COVID-19 pandemic emergency response operations through December 31, 2020.

The letter reads, in part:

"As the number of positive COVID-19 cases continues to climb in our state, it is clear that help from the Washington National Guard remains essential through the end of the year... Currently, more than 1,000 Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen are assisting with critical missions that keep our food banks operational and our neighbors fed. They are critical to our efforts to slow the spread of the virus by supporting COVID-mapping missions, assembling test kits, and operating community-based test sites. Additionally, uniquely skilled National Guard planners are assisting my COVID-19 food security team and other state agencies to ensure that we meet the health and welfare needs of Washingtonians through our phased re-opening plan."

To date, the Washington National Guard has delivered more than 1.3 million meals or 33.5 million pounds of food to struggling families at food banks across the state, tested over 14,000 people at community-based testing sites, and built more than 150,000 test kits.

- Read the [full letter here](#)
- [May 20, 2020 letter requesting extension through end of July](#)



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## LESSONS FROM THE 1918 PANDEMIC REVISITED DURING COVID-19 CRISIS

See the link at right from the Department of Health's blog on what it sees as some of the top lessons from the 1918 pandemic.

### MLT TO DISTRIBUTE FACE COVERINGS CITYWIDE

The City of Mountlake Terrace will be mailing two face masks to each home and business in the next few weeks to help ensure compliance with the face covering order.

## Lessons From the 1918 Pandemic Revisited During COVID-19 Crisis

As COVID-19 cases begin to rise again in Washington state and many locations around the U.S., fresh attention is being paid to the influenza pandemic of 1918, and the lessons learned during that hard time. There was no vaccine or other effective treatment against the 1918 virus. Cases spiked repeatedly across much of three years. There was unrest over the impacts of non-pharmaceutical interventions, including public health orders that required people to wear masks and other face covers and to engage in social distancing. Before it was over, an estimated 50 million people died worldwide.

The state Department of Health [published a blog](#) last week detailing what it sees as the top three lessons from the 1918 pandemic. They include: trusted tools work; pandemics aren't fair and we cannot do this alone. Please read the [full post here](#).

Meanwhile, here are some other reports exploring similar territory:

[Lessons from the 1918 pandemic: A U.S. city's past may hold clues](#)

[Four lessons from the 1918 pandemic](#)



Seattle during the influenza pandemic of 1918.

### MLT to Distribute Face Coverings Citywide

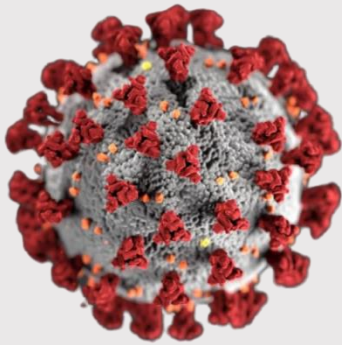
The City of Mountlake Terrace will be mailing two face masks to each home and business in a few weeks to help ensure compliance with Governor Inslee's order requiring their use in public.

The city has begun distributing the first shipment of cloth face coverings provided by Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management that are designated for low-income residents. The city is distributing these face coverings at food banks, the senior center, low-income housing facilities, and school grab-and-go meal events through the end of July.

Upcoming events where these masks will be available include, Tuesdays, July 14 and 21, 5:00-6:00 p.m.: at Mountlake Terrace Senior Community Center, 23000 Lakeview Drive.

The city has also purchased one-ounce bottles of hand sanitizer for distribution at these events. Low-income residents who cannot travel to





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## FREE MASKS STILL AVAILABLE IN MARYSVILLE

City of Marysville is continuing to distribute face masks to low income families and individuals by partnering with local organizations. Details at right.

## POP-UP BLOOD DONOR CENTER THIS WEEK IN EVERETT

First Baptist Church in Everett will host the Bloodworks Northwest pop-up donor center July 14-16. Appointments are required to donate.

## MARYSVILLE SCHOOLS GATHERING INPUT THROUGH FRIDAY ON REOPENING PLAN

Marysville School District is seeking input from families as it develops its plan for reopening schools for the 2020-2021 school year. Link to the survey at right.

one of these sites can call City Hall at (425) 776-1161 and the city will make sure you get one.

For more information please read MLT's [news release](#).

## Free Masks Still Available in Marysville

The City of Marysville [posted to Facebook](#) on Monday about options for residents to get free face covers from community partners.

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!**

Did you miss the mask give-away for low-income families & individuals? You can still get masks from these local partners:

**Marysville Emergency Management**  
jbrown@marysvillewa.gov

**Marysville Community Food Bank**  
Mondays 9 am–11 am, Tuesdays 3 pm–6 pm, Fridays 9 am–11 am

**Saint Joseph's House**  
1925 4th Street

**MARYSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
11:30–12:30 Allen Creek Elementary, Cascade Elementary, Liberty Elementary, Shoultes Elementary  
Bus Service: Tulalip Community, Highway 5, Sunnyside area, North Marysville

**Marysville Salvation Army**  
Mon.-Thurs. — 8 am-4:30 pm  
Friday—10 am-6 pm

**Help Stop the Spread** **MARYSVILLE**

## Pop-Up Blood Donor Center This Week in Everett

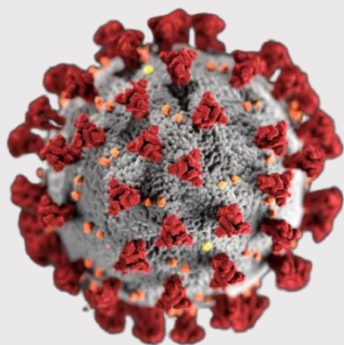
First Baptist Church in Everett is scheduled to host a Bloodworks Northwest pop-up donor center July 14-16. Appointments are required to ensure social distancing. Schedule [online](#) or by calling 1-800-393-7888. Enter sponsor code 544b.

**THE NEED IS NOW.**

**Book Today** PATIENTS NEED BLOOD. PATIENTS NEED YOU.

## Marysville Schools Gathering Input Through Friday on Reopening Plan

Marysville School District is seeking input from families as it develops its plan for reopening schools in 2020. "Your feedback is critical in our decision-making process," the district wrote. "Please provide your honest thoughts by participating in the survey linked below. Your feedback will help us better understand your family's needs and preferences as we approach the upcoming school year so we can best support you and your child. Please [complete the survey](#) as soon as possible and no later than Friday, July 17."



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## EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES REOPENING PLAN

Edmonds School District will use a hybrid model of learning for the 2020-2021 school year. Link at right.

## EMAILS AND TEXTS SENT IN ERROR DURING COVID-19 TECHNOLOGY TRAINING SESSIONS

Washington State Department of Health may have sent COVID-19 related text messages and emails in error.

## \$18 MILLION AVAILABLE TO BRING BROADBAND TO UNSERVED WASHINGTON COMMUNITIES

The Washington State Public Works Board is accepting applications for broadband infrastructure construction grants and loans through September 9, 2020. Details and link are available at right.

The full statement, available in both English and Spanish, is [here](#).












## Edmonds School District Announces Reopening Plan

The Edmonds School Board announced last week it will use a hybrid model of learning that will place students into groups and split their time between in-person and remote learning.

For more information, please read Edmonds School District's [news release](#).

## IN-PERSON LEARNING GROUPS

(Hybrid Model – AA/BB)

|                 | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  |
|-----------------|--|--|--|--|---|
| Student Group A |                           |  | • Remote Learning<br>• Intervention Services for Students<br>• Recovery Learning Services<br>• Staff Planning/Professional Development<br>• Deep Cleaning of Buildings |                     |  |
| Student Group B |                           |  |  |                     |  |
|                 |  Face-to-face instruction |  |  |  Distance Education |   |

## Emails and Texts Sent in Error During COVID-19 Technology Training Sessions

On Friday, July 10, the Washington State Department of Health became aware that we may have sent COVID-19-related text messages and emails in error.

While training staff on a new data-sharing platform for case investigations and contact tracing, we neglected to disable the ability for texts and emails to leave the test environment. The result is that randomly created phone numbers and emails, **with no connection to public health data**, may have received messages between late May and early July. The number of texts and emails sent in error is less than 50.

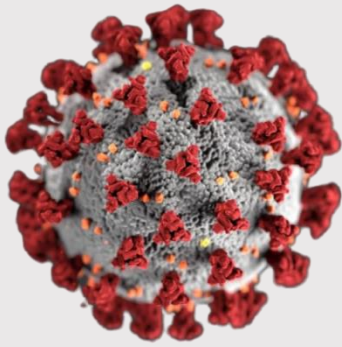
Once we discovered this error, we identified which of the random emails and phone numbers could have actually received a message. This afternoon, we sent a follow-up message about the errors, asking people to disregard any text or email they received. We also [provided a webpage](#) with more information and an email address for any follow-up questions they might have.

We deeply regret any inconvenience or worry we may have caused. This error does not accurately reflect the high standards we have for our training programs or for our vitally important case investigation and contact tracing work.

## \$18 Million Available to Bring Broadband to Unserved Washington Communities

The [Washington State Public Works Board](#) is accepting applications for broadband infrastructure construction grants and loans July 13, 2020 through September 9, 2020. Approximately \$9.1 million is available for low-interest loans and \$8.6 million for grants.

Cities, towns, counties, public port districts, special purpose districts, quasi-municipal corporations, tribes, nonprofit organizations, cooperative associations, limited liability corporations organized for the purpose of



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## CONGRESSMAN GIVES SHOUT OUT TO FARMERS MARKETS DURING COVID-19

Rep. Rick Larsen visited the Stanwood Farmers Market over the weekend to call attention to the role it and the 150 markets statewide are playing in safely feeding people during the pandemic.

## MEDICAID PROVIDERS HAVE UNTIL JULY 20 TO APPLY FOR RELIEF FUNDS

The deadline to apply for Provider Relief funds for eligible providers that participate in the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance programs is July 20.

expanding broadband access, and incorporated businesses or partnerships are eligible to apply.

For more information please read Department of Commerce's [news release](#) and to apply, please visit the Public Works Board's [Broadband Financing](#) web page.

## Congressman Gives Shout Out to Farmers Markets During COVID-19

Rep. Rick Larsen visited the Stanwood Farmers Market last week to call attention to the role it and other markets are playing in helping to safely feed people during the pandemic.

"Thank you to Northwest Washington's producers, farmers and farm laborers who are working hard to meet growing demands, lessen the stresses on Washington state's food system and help feed hungry Washingtonians during the pandemic," he said in a [Facebook post](#).



Congressman Rick Larsen is in Stanwood, Washington. ...

July 10 at 6:52 PM · 🌐

Did you know: Washington state is home to more than 150 farmers markets, including more than a dozen in the Second District. This afternoon, I stopped by the Stanwood Farmers Market to see how the market is helping to feed hungry Washingtonians while also keeping customers and vendors safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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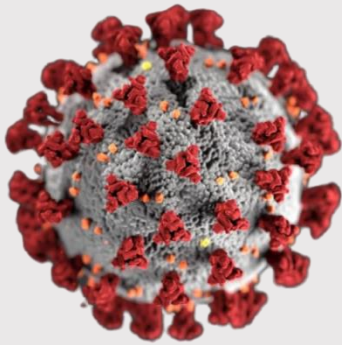
Washington State Department of Agriculture



## Medicaid Providers Have Until July 20 to Apply for Relief Funds

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has announced additional distributions from the Provider Relief Fund for eligible providers that participate in the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance programs. Deadline to apply is July 20. More information is on the [CARES relief funds fact sheet](#).





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## A DIGITAL JOBS PROGRAM TO HELP AMERICA'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY

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## MICROSOFT LAUNCHES INITIATIVE TO HELP 25 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE ACQUIRE THE DIGITAL SKILLS NEEDED IN A COVID-19 ECONOMY

Microsoft announced a global skills initiative to bring more digital skills to 25 million people worldwide by the end of the year.

## COMCAST EXTENDS FREE PUBLIC XFINITY WIFI, OTHER SUPPORT TO YEAR END

Comcast has announced some important updates regarding resources it is making available to continue to support customers and communities during the COVID-19 crisis. Included in these updates is the extension of access to free public Xfinity WiFi through year end.

## A Digital Jobs Program to Help America's Economic Recovery

Technology has been a lifeline to help many small businesses during the COVID-19 crisis. And online tools can help people get new skills and find good-paying jobs. Nearly [two-thirds of all new jobs](#) created since 2010 require either high-level or medium-level digital skills. This presents a challenge for many job seekers, as well as to America's long-term economic security. People need good jobs, and the broader economy needs their energy and skills to support our future growth.

Google is launching the Grow with Google initiative to help people get the skills they need to get a job or grow their business through a new suite of [Google Career Certificates](#) that will help Americans get qualifications in high-paying high-growth job fields—no college degree required. Google will fund 100,000 need-based scholarships and Google will consider their new career certificates as equivalent of a four-year degree for related roles. They are also committing \$10 million in job training [Google.org](#) grants for communities across America.

For more information, please read Google's [news release](#).

## Microsoft Launches Initiative to Help 25 Million People Worldwide Acquire the Digital Skills Needed in a COVID-19 Economy

Around the world, 2020 has emerged as one of the most challenging years in many of our lifetimes. In six months, the world has endured multiple challenges, including a pandemic that has spurred a global economic crisis. As societies reopen, it's apparent that the economy in July will not be what it was in January. Increasingly, one of the key steps needed to foster a safe and successful economic recovery is expanded access to the digital skills needed to fill new jobs. And one of the keys to a genuinely inclusive recovery are programs to provide easier access to digital skills for people hardest hit by job losses, including those with lower incomes, women, and underrepresented minorities.

To help address this need, Microsoft is launching a global skills initiative aimed at bringing more digital skills to 25 million people worldwide by the end of the year. This initiative will bring together every part of the company, combining existing and new resources from LinkedIn, GitHub, and Microsoft. It will be grounded in three areas of activity:

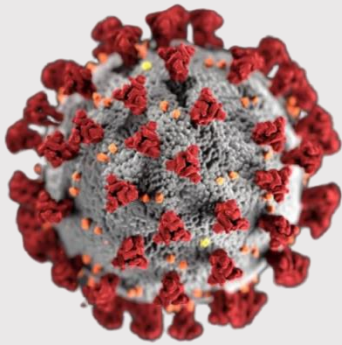
1. The use of data to identify in-demand jobs and the skills needed to fill them;
2. Free access to learning paths and content to help people develop the skills these positions require;
3. Low-cost certifications and free job-seeking tools to help people who develop these skills pursue new jobs.

For more information please watch the announcement event [here](#) and read Microsoft's [blog](#).

## Comcast Extends Free Public Xfinity WiFi, Other Support to Year End

Comcast has announced [some important updates](#) regarding resources it is making available to continue to support customers and communities during the COVID-19 crisis.

- Extending 60-days of free internet service to new Internet Essentials customers. As the current school year comes to an end, school districts across Washington state are already announcing plans for when school starts again in the fall. To help provide additional



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## CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Data on case counts are available on the Snohomish Health District [website](#) and the Washington State Department of Health [dashboard](#).

### ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211** for help.

support to students and families, Comcast will continue to provide 60 days of free Internet service to new, eligible Internet Essentials customers through the end of this year. In addition, Comcast will continue to waive, through the end of the year, the requirement that customers not have a past due balance with Comcast to qualify for the free offer. [Learn more here.](#)

- Extending free public WiFi access for rest of 2020. To continue to help keep people connected as the country prepares to reopen, we are extending free access to the more than 76,000 public Xfinity WiFi hotspots throughout Washington state to anyone who needs them, including non-customers, through the end of 2020. [Learn more here.](#)
- Support efforts in Washington continue with local, long-standing community partners who are at the frontline of both the COVID-19 crisis and leading advocates of social and racial justice. What began as \$50,000 grants to two key funds in March to support adversely impacted small businesses and offer immediate housing assistance, has grown to nearly \$600,000 of support in COVID relief efforts this year. [Learn more here.](#)

## Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of July 13, 2020)

| Case Count | Last Updated: 1:42 p.m.        |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| Confirmed  | 4,097 (up 225 cases from 7/10) |
| Probable   | 517 (up 3 from 7/10)           |
| Death      | 179                            |

| Jurisdiction      | Last Updated: 1:42 p.m. |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Arlington         | 183 (130 recovered)     |
| Bothell*          | 328 (220 recovered)     |
| Brier             | 25 (23 recovered)       |
| Darrington        | <5 (<5 recovered)       |
| Edmonds           | 429 (347 recovered)     |
| Everett           | 1,359 (1,013 recovered) |
| Gold Bar          | 5 (<5 recovered)        |
| Granite Falls     | 34 (30 recovered)       |
| Index             | 0                       |
| Lake Stevens      | 197 (131 recovered)     |
| Lynnwood          | 776 (649 recovered)     |
| Marysville        | 398 (274 recovered)     |
| Mill Creek        | 73 (55 recovered)       |
| Monroe            | 132 (87 recovered)      |
| Mountlake Terrace | 140 (118 recovered)     |
| Mukilteo          | 81 (72 recovered)       |
| Snohomish         | 229 (170 recovered)     |
| Stanwood          | 141 (106 recovered)     |
| Sultan            | 11 (8 recovered)        |
| Tulalip           | 38 (24 recovered)       |
| Unknown/Other     | 5 (<5 recovered)        |
| Woodinville*      | 19 (11 recovered)       |
| Woodway           | 9 (8 recovered)         |

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation. \*Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.